

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF
PROPOSED PSD AIR PERMIT, PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD,
INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING, and PUBLIC HEARING**

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Southwest Regional Office has received an application for a New Source Review permit from Consolidation Coal Company to modify and operate the Buchanan Mine preparation plant, a stationary source, pursuant to 9 VAC 5 Chapter 80, Article 8 of the Virginia Regulations for the Control and Abatement of Air Pollution. The coal preparation plant is located at Garden Creek in Buchanan County, Virginia.

The Department staff has completed its review of the permit application and is ready to receive and consider public comments on air quality issues associated with the proposed facility modification. The proposed permit would increase the allowable emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) from the current coal thermal dryer as well as those from a previously permitted second dryer that has not yet been constructed. The allowable annual VOC emissions limit for the existing coal thermal dryer would be increased from 175.6 tons to 362.7 tons. The allowable annual VOC emissions limit on the proposed second coal thermal dryer would increase from 370.3 tons to 664.9 tons. The allowable annual emissions of all other criteria and non-criteria pollutants would not be affected by the issuance of this permit. The Department's preliminary determination is that the proposed modification meets the standards for issuing the air permit in accordance with 9 VAC 5 Chapter 80 Article 8 (Permits - Major Stationary Sources and Major Modifications Locating in Prevention of Significant Deterioration Areas).

The public may examine the application, the preliminary review and analysis of the application, and the preliminary decision by the Department on the application, and the draft permit documents at the DEQ Southwest Regional Office on each business day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. A copy of these documents will be made available at the Appalachian School of Law Library in Grundy, Virginia between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Fridays. Additional information and copies of relevant documents may be obtained from the DEQ Southwest Regional office by contacting Tom Derting at (276) 676-4831.

The Department will conduct an informational briefing in the Appellate Courtroom at the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia, on June 1, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. This briefing will explain the activity for which the permit is sought and the Department staff's rationale for its preliminary determination. Questions will be welcome at the briefing. The public comment period will begin on June 2, 2004, and will extend through July 16, 2004.

In addition, the Department will conduct a public hearing to receive written and oral comments concerning the application. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain input that may not have been considered during the review process. This hearing will

be held on July 1, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., in the Appellate Courtroom at the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia. Persons desiring to make a statement at the hearing are requested to sign up on a sheet to be provided 15 minutes before the public hearing and are requested to furnish the office two copies of their testimony, along with the originals of any supporting documents or exhibits. Individuals may sign up only for themselves. The amount of time allowed for each statement will be determined by the hearing officer, but is normally not more than three minutes.

Written comments may be submitted in lieu of oral comments at the public hearing, or may be mailed to the DEQ Southwest Regional Office. Written comments must be received by the DEQ Southwest Regional Office between 8:00 a.m. June 2, 2004 and the close of business on July 16, 2004. Only those comments received within this period will be considered. Emailed comments are also acceptable, provided they include the name, address, and phone number of the writer and are timely.

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All testimony, exhibits, and comments received are public records.